



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – December 2016

The following data is authorised for release by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and relates to the number of formal indictments (*Information*) filed in the High Courts of Fiji by the Director of Public Prosecutions throughout the month. This data is confined to incidents of serious sexual offences only.

There were 11 people charged with a total of 14 separate incidents in December. The offences were rape (10), abduction with intent to rape (1) and sexual assault (3).

Of the 11 accused persons charged, four were under the age of 18 years.

There were 10 victims of the 14 separate incidents. There were a total of 7 victims of serious sexual offences under the age of 18 years.

The youngest victim was 4 years old and the accused was 23 year old man.

There were two sexual offences that occurred where the victims were related to the accused person.

One matter was discontinued after a discontinuance (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics December 2016* for a break-down of these statistics.



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics December 2016

	Rape	Abduction with intent to Rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	10	1	0	0	3	14
Total No. of Victims	9	1	0	0	3	10*
No. of Victims under 18 years	7	1	0	0	2	7*
Total No. of Accused Persons	11	1	0	0	3	11*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	4	0	0	0	0	4*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	1	0	0	0	0	1
No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	2	0	0	0	2	2*
No. of False Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: ODPP Fiji

***Please note that a number of rape victims as well as victims under the age of 18 years and victims in domestic relationship were also victims of other serious sexual offences. Similarly, a number of accused persons were also charged with more than one offence.**

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